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CLERK: The motion is to reconsider the vote on AM3142, as an amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Please call the roll on the question.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 31 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next motion, when you get time.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have, Senator Kruse, I have your FA674 as an amendment to the committee amendments, but I have a note, Senator, that you would like to withdraw FA674 and offer as a substitute AM3176. (Legislative Journal page 1581.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any objection? So ordered.

CLERK: Senator Kruse, AM3176.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, to open.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and colleagues, thank you. A long way from when this was filed to where we are now, and so I'm trying to adjust in my thoughts. What I really want to say is commending Senator Landis in his comments. I stand with them almost fully. He comes close to getting it right. But we must pass LB 1024. You wouldn't have heard me say that a day ago. But enough is enough. I've been contacted a lot. I certainly do not like the racial district that we're setting up, but that's kind of beside the point right now. We are in a spot where we have to call these districts to order, and I mean all of them. I'm not picking on anybody. None of them are willing, really, to come to the table with others. They say they are, but they're not. And we're in one deep mess. I remind you that the Nebraska Constitution makes the Legislature responsible for education. We are to see to the education, the instruction in the common schools, is the way it's quaintly worded, for every person from age 5 to 21. We assign that responsibility out to districts. Now we've got a situation where some of our